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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) Docket Number (Optional) USAV2001/0081 US NP **FY 2005** (fees effective on or efter October 1, 2004) December 24, 2001 10/035,783 Application Number FOR NOVEL COMPOUNDS AND COMPOSITIONS AS CATHEPSIN INHIBITORS Examiner Art Unit This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.138(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): Small Entity Fee Fee \$55 \$110 One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$430 \$215 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) 980.00 \$490 Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$980 \$785 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$1530 \$2080 \$1040 Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. to Deposit Account Number : 18-1982 WARNING: information on this form may become public. Credit eard information abould not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. applicant/inventor. i am the assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/98). 7 attorney or agent of record. Registration Number attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 December 08, 2004 Date 908-231-2843 Joseph ROSSI Typed or printed name Telephone Number NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) one required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

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